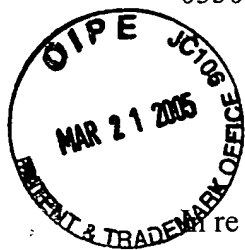


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re Application of:

KEIJI KOMOTO ET AL

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March 17, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

(a) Introductory Comments

I. Applicants petition for a one month extension of time from February 17, 2005 to and including March 17, 2005 and enclose a check for \$120.00 to cover the extension fee. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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II. In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, kindly consider the following remarks and the enclosed executed Terminal Disclaimer.